REMARKS

By the present communication, claims 17-72 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-16 have been canceled, and new claims 17-72 have been added. The new claims have been added to define Applicants' invention with greater particularity.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Support for the new claims can be found in numerous places throughout the application as filed, including, but not limited to:

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Claim 17:
               p 1, ln 4-11; p 5, ln 3-5; p 6, ln 16-19; p 8, ln 10-23; p 9, ln 14- 27;
               claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, and 13 as originally filed,
Claim 18:
               p 2, ln 28; p 3, ln 3; p 3, ln 7-10 and ln 13-16;
Claim 19:
               p 4, ln 15-22;
Claim 20:
               p 9, In 18-27;
Claim 21:
               p 6, In 16-19; p 6, In 29 through p 7, In 2; p 8, In 10-13 and In 20-
               21; claims 4 & 10 as originally filed;
Claim 22:
               p 10, ln 12-13; p 10, ln 29 through p 11, ln 2;
Claim 23:
               p 9, In 14-17; p 11, In 13-22; claim 13 as originally filed;
Claim 24:
               p 8, In 22-23; claim 9 as filed;
Claim 25:
               p 17, ln 28-30;
Claim 26:
               p 1, ln 14-21; p 6, ln 20-25; p7, ln 19 – 26; p 16, ln 3-5;
Claim 27:
               p 3, ln 27 through p 4, ln 10; p 4 ln 13-14; p 11, ln 25 through p
               13, ln 27;
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Claim 28: p 2, ln 28 through p 3, ln 3; p 3, ln 7-10, 13-16;

Claim 30: p 9, ln 18-27;

p 4, ln 15-22;

Claim 29:

Claim 31: p 6, ln 16-19; p 6, ln 29 through p 7, ln 2; p 8, ln 10-13 and ln 20-21; claims 4 & 10 as originally filed;

Claim 32: p 10, ln 12-13; p 10, ln 29 through p 11, ln 2. Claim 33: p 9, ln 14-17; p 11, ln 13-22; claim 13 as originally filed. Claim 34: p 8, In 22-23; claim 9 as filed; Claim 35: p 3, ln 13-25; p4, ln 13-14; p 6, ln 16-19; p 6, ln 29 through p 7, ln 11; p 8, ln 9-23; p 9, ln 14-27; p 9, ln 14 through p 11, ln 22; p 3, In 13-22; p 12, In 4 through p 13, In 27; claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, and 13 as originally filed; Claim 36: p 6, ln 16-19; p 6, ln 29 through p 7, ln 2; p 8, ln 10-13 and ln 20-21; claims 4 and 10 as originally filed; Claim 37: p 10, ln 12-13; p 10, ln 29 through p 11, ln 2; Claim 38: p 9, ln 14-17; p 11, ln 13-22; claim 13 as originally filed; Claim 39: p 9, In 14-17; Claim 40: p 8, In 22-23; claim 9 as originally filed; Claim 41: p2, In 11-16 in view of p 2, In 27 – p3, In 3; p 3, In 13-25; p 3, In 27-28 in view of p 1, ln 14-21; p. 3, ln 27 - p 4, ln 10; p 4, ln 19; p 12, ln 4 – p 13, ln 27; p 13, ln 5-11; claim 1 as originally filed; Claim 42: p 6, ln 16 - 19; p 7, ln 14 - 22; Claim 43: p 6, ln 16 – 19; p 7, ln 14 – 22; claims 3 and 5-6 as originally filed; Claim 44: p 8, ln 26 - p 9, ln 11; claim 11 as filed; Claim 45: p 6, ln 20-25; p7, ln 19-26; p 16, ln 3-5; Claim 46: p 9, In 14 through p 11, In 22; Claim 47: p 6, ln 16-19; p 7, ln 14 - 22; Claim 48: p 17, ln 29-30; Claim 49: p 12, ln 10-17; Claim 50: p 19, In 9-10; Claim 51: p 13, ln 18-20; Claim 52: p 6, ln 16–19; p 7, ln 14–22; Claim 53: p 6, ln 16–19; p 7, ln 14–22;

p 6, ln 16-19; p 7, ln 14-22; p 8, ln 3-5;

Claim 54:

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Claim 55:
               p 14, ln 2–10;
Claim 56:
               p 4, ln 15-22;
Claim 57:
               p 7, In 14-16;
Claim 58:
               p 2, ln 11-16 in view of p 2, ln 27 through p3, ln 3; p 3, ln 13-25; p
               3, ln 27-28 in view of p 1, ln 14-21; p 3, ln 27 through p 4, ln 10; p
               4, In 19; p 12, In 4 through p 13, In 27; p 13, In 5-11; claim 1 as
               originally filed;
Claim 59:
               p 6, ln 16-19; p 8, ln 10-13; p 9, ln 14-17;
Claim 60:
               p 5, In 22-24;
Claim 61:
               p 6, ln 24-25;
Claim 62:
               p 6, ln 22-23;
Claim 63:
               p 9, ln 14-17;
Claim 64:
               p 6, In 16-19;
Claim 65:
               p 17, In 29-30;
Claim 66:
               p 12, ln 10-13; p 13, ln 22-27;
Claim 67:
               p 19, ln 9-10;
Claim 68:
               p 13, ln 16-20;
Claim 69:
               p 6, ln 16-19; p 8, ln 3-5;
Claim 70:
               p 9, In 14-17;
Claim 71:
               p 14, In 2-10; and
Claim 72:
               p 4, ln 15-22.
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The present amendment adds no new matter and is thus proper. Entry of this amendment in its entirety is therefore requested. Because the amendments either broaden the claims, do not change the scope of the claims or cover matter not previously covered by the claims, the claim amendments are not narrowing and accordingly the claims are entitled to the same, or broader, scope either literally or under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Applicants hereby give notice under 37 C.F.R. 1.607(c) that claims 17-72 in the pending application correspond substantially to at least claims 1-3, 5-13, 16, 18, 21-23, 25-29 of

United States Patent No. 6,495,494; to at least claims 1-2, 4-5, 10-15, 17, 21, 23-25, 28, 30, 35, 39, 41-44, 49-51, 54, 56, 60, 62-64, and 66 of United States Patent No. 6,427,826; and to at least claims 33, 35-40, and 42-43 of United States Patent Application No. US 2003/0073589.

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application contains patentable subject matter and thus an early indication of such is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, or believes a telephone discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (262) 631-4196.

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